

Garibaldi City Council Special Meeting Minutes – Virtual **Monday, April 27th – 5:30 p.m.**

Convening Of Meeting

Mayor Linda Bade called the Special Council Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, May 1, 2026. Present were Mayor Linda Bade, Vice President Norman Shattuck, President Cheryl Gierga, Finance Director Becca Harth, and City Recorder Amy Cram

Old Business

Budget Committee Appointments

Mayor Linda Bade explained that the agenda had become limited, with only the budget committee appointments remaining for discussion. She noted that the city office discussion would be postponed to the next meeting due to lack of additional information and Mr. Boone's absence.

Mayor Bade confirmed that three applications had been received for the budget committee positions: Judy Riggs, Tim Hall, and Nathan Findling. She asked council how they wished to proceed with the appointments, noting that three people were needed and only three had applied.

Councilor Cheryl Gierga stated that with three people needed and no other applicants, the council was at an impasse.

Finance Director Becca Harth raised a question about Nathan Findling's eligibility, noting that he had not lived within the city limits for the required period. Mayor Bade explained that Findling had provided a legal memorandum arguing that the 12-month residency requirement did not need to be consecutive. She stated that this argument had been forwarded to the city attorney, but no response had been received yet. She planned to speak with the attorney the following morning at a 10:30 appointment.

Mayor Bade noted that the council had previously appointed non-citizens to the budget committee and had taken various approaches to committee composition in the past. She emphasized the importance of following the charter requirements.

Judy Riggs raised her hand from the audience and she referenced code section 2.05.01, which states that budget committee members must have "resided in the city for a period of 1 year." Riggs pointed out that the code contained no language about consecutive residency.

Mayor Bade explained that Findling's argument centered on the absence of the word "consecutive" in the code, allowing for non-consecutive residency periods totaling 12 months. She stated that if the attorney disagreed with this interpretation after appointment, Findling would need to be removed from the committee.

Both Councilor Gierga and Councilor Norman Shattuck agreed to seek the attorney's opinion before making a final determination.

Mayor Bade noted that Findling's legal analysis was detailed and appeared to have merit. She mentioned sharing it with the attorney and offered to forward it to Councilor Gierga.

Given the need for three committee members and only three applicants, Mayor Bade asked for a motion to appoint all three individuals to the budget committee.

A motion was made to appoint Judy Riggs, Tim Hall, and Nathan Findling to the budget committee.

- **Moved by: Councilor Shattuck**
- **Seconded by: Councilor Gierga**
- **The motion passed unanimously**